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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 19 of this paper.

Amendment to the drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-4. More specifically, a cross-section line IV-IV has been added to Figs. 1-3; Fig. 4 has been amended to clearly show all the features recited in the claims and all the reference numbers mentioned in the specification, as required by the Examiner.

Attachment:

Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

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Replacement Sheet



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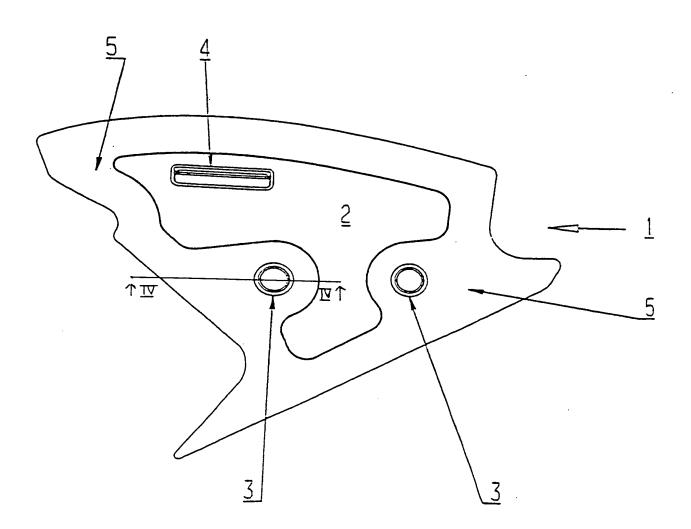
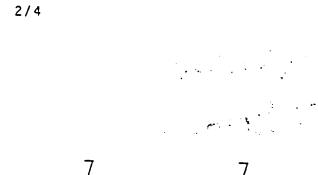


Fig. 1

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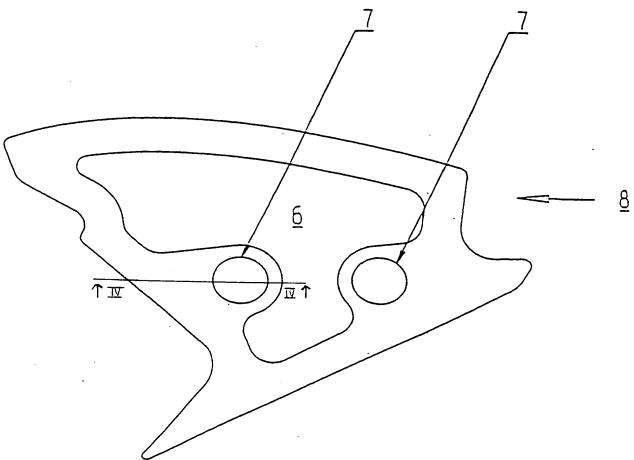


Fig. 2

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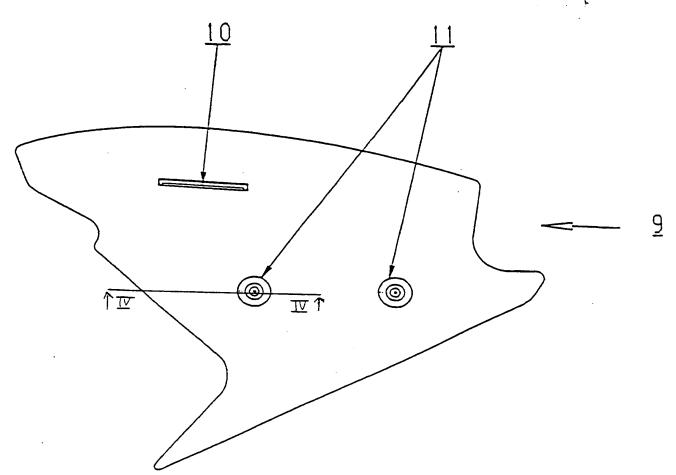
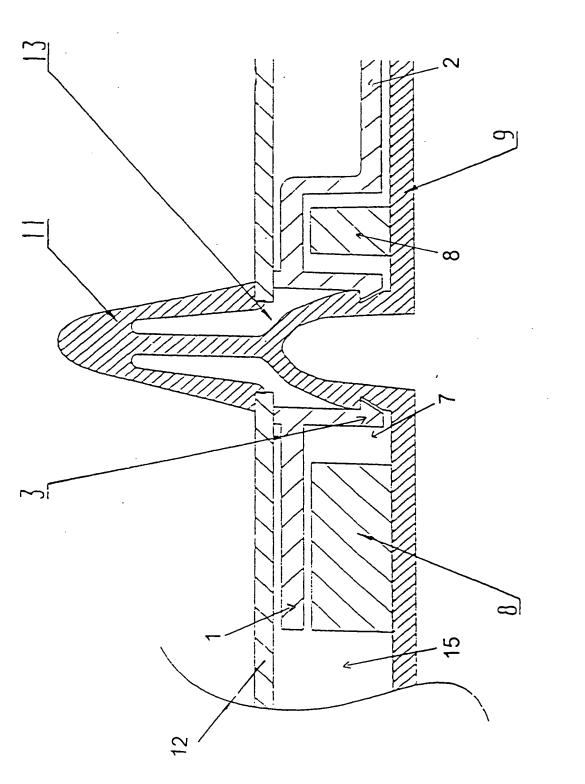


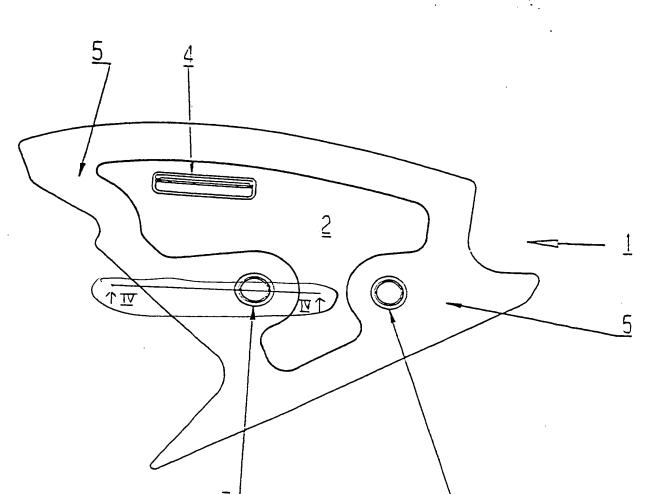
Fig. 3





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Fig. i

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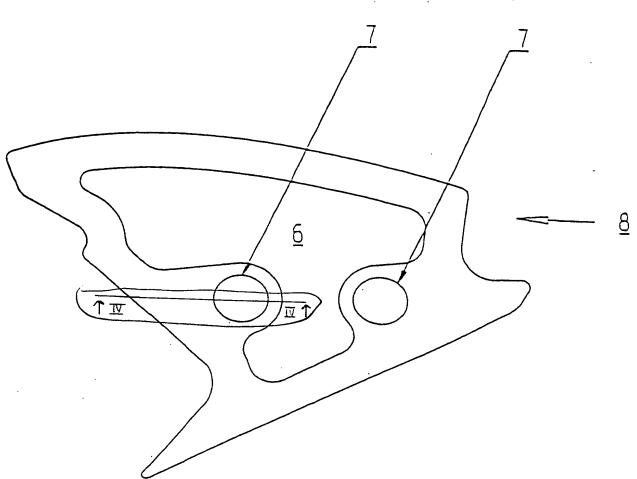


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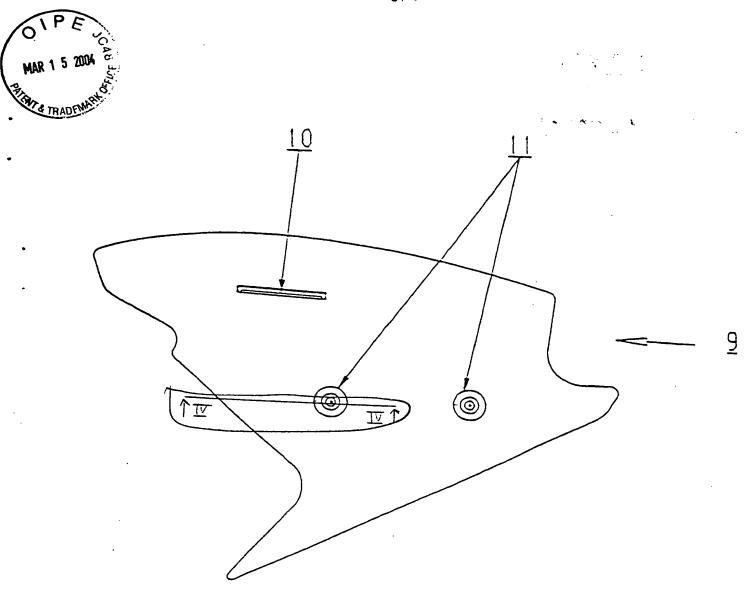


Fig. 3